



Arizona Department of Public Safety

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Arizona Department of Public Safety seizes 70 pounds of cocaine during traffic stop *Cocaine hidden in unusual location*

On January 29, 2009, at about 1:00 a.m., an Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) Officer stopped a 2003 Ford Taurus on westbound Interstate 10 at milepost 69 (in the Phoenix area) for a traffic violation. Following the stop, a search of the vehicle revealed an electronically controlled aftermarket roof compartment. Located in the compartment were 25 packages of cocaine with a combined weight of 70.13 pounds (32.15 kilograms). The estimated street value of the cocaine is \$700,000.

Driver: Eduardo Carlos, 46
Temecula, California

Charges: Transportation of a narcotic drug (cocaine)
Possession of a narcotic drug for sale (cocaine)
Possession of a narcotic drug

Carlos was booked into the Maricopa County Jail.

photos of the vehicle and drugs are available on request

The mission of the Arizona Department of Public Safety, one of the most dynamic state-level law enforcement agencies in the United States, is to protect human life and property by enforcing state laws, deterring criminal activity, assuring the safety of the motoring public on Arizona's highways and providing vital scientific, technical and operational support to other criminal justice agencies. The Department, also one of Arizona's largest law enforcement agencies with some 2,200 sworn and civilian employees, consists of four divisions – Highway Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Criminal Justice Support and Agency Support. The Department is headquartered in Phoenix and has offices located in more than 80 communities within Arizona's 15 counties.

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